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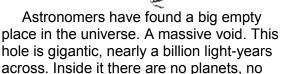
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The Messenger

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From the Pastor



stars, no galaxies, no gases. It's just a huge cold spot.

A whole lotta nothing. It's between six and 10 billion light-years away from us, and it's nearly a billion light-years across. A massive void. No planets, no stars, no galaxies, no gases. Absolutely nothing.

You might be aware that a light-year is a unit of distance — it's the distance that light can travel in one year. One light-year equals about six trillion miles. Quite a distance.

So how far away are the stars in the sky? Our nearest neighbor is a star called Proxima Centauri. It's about four light-years away. Twenty-five trillion miles.

Another void that is hard for us to comprehend is an empty place. An empty space. The empty tomb. That the tomb is empty, void, is a massive, world-changing reality.

On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene and two other women encountered a massive void when they showed up at the empty tomb, one that was as mind-boggling as anything at the edge of the universe. It was early when they arrived, and after meeting a young man and hearing about the resurrection "they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid" (Mark 16:8).

Can you imagine how empty Mary is feeling at this point? She has already suffered the crucifixion of her friend and teacher Jesus, and she's mourning his death deeply. Now she goes to his tomb to pay her respects, and what does she find? Nothing. A huge cold spot. She didn't know that you've got to pass through some empty tombs on the way to resurrection life.

I know that void. That hollow pit after the death of my parents and many other loved ones and friends.

Mary and her companions are seized by terror and amazement, and they retreat into silence, saying nothing to anyone. Their world feels like a billion light-years of empty space. But it's to their everlasting credit that they take some time to ponder this strange set of events, and let the disappearance of Jesus sink in.

Yes, it's true that the mysterious young

man in the tomb has said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here" (Mark 16:6). This is good news — the Easter morning good news of resurrection life. But the women cannot grasp it, at least not yet.

Mary and her companions make this journey as they flee from the tomb. They do not fall into the trap of thinking that if they believe in themselves, they can do anything. Instead, they feel a blast of alarm, terror, amazement and fear — and it is precisely these emotions that set them up for the surprising reality of the resurrection.

They quickly discover that Easter is not about them — instead, it's about God. In particular, it's about God filling the empty places in our lives with new and unexpected life.

The apostle Paul picks up this thread in his first letter to the Corinthians, when he reminds the Christians in Corinth of the good news that he proclaimed to them. "For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received," he writes: "that

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me" (15:3-8).

Through the resurrection, God fills the empty places in our lives. He does it for the first followers of Jesus, for Paul, for the Christians of Corinth ... and for us.

Believe in the resurrection. Follow Jesus into the future. These are responses we can make, responses that can fill our massive voids.

The good news of Easter is that Christ is risen! He has been raised from the dead, and is waiting for you, beyond the void. Beyond the empty tomb.

In the One who is alive,

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Soldiers' Prayer Service

Monday, April 1, 2019, at 7:00PM

Courthouse Lawn in front of The War Memorial

Mark your summer calendars! June 2-6: Children's Camp July 15-19: VBS



Vacation Bible School

During VBS this year the kids will go to Mars and beyond and discover the wonders of God's universe. They will become voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Along the way, they will

learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them too. The timeless Bible stories will inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!

Camp Cornerstone

This summer we will again be headed to the cabin for church camp. This year all of the kids won't be at camp at the same time so be on the lookout for more specifics about which specific days your kids will be at camp. We are looking forward to another fun and successful camp experience this summer.



Scholarship applications are now available and are located on the Welcome Center in the foyer. The deadline for the application is Monday, April 15, 2019. Scholarships can be received for 2 years. Please turn in completed forms to the church office. If you have any questions contact Rick Manuell.



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Easter Egg Hunt

We are having an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 13, at 10 AM for Children o thru 5th grade. Grab your Easter egg baskets, and come join the fun!



Power Lunch

Please check the menu board located in the foyer for items that are needed each week.

Monetary donations are also welcome.

United Methodist Women News

HAPPY 150TH BIRTHDAY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!

On March 23 United Methodist Women throughout the world celebrated their 150th birthday. In 1869 Clementina Butler and Lois Parker, wives of missionaries, were home on furlough from India. A male doctor could not treat women and schooling was virtually non-existent there. The women contacted other women and formed the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. By November they had raised funds and sent Isabella Thoburn, an educator, and Dr. Clara Swain, an MD to India. The school and women's hospital they founded are still serving the people of India today.

Current advocacy concerns are Climate Justice, Economic Inequality, Maternal/Child Health and Criminalization of Communities of Color. UMW went from 8 to 800,000 women in 150 years in mission to women, children and youth.

The United Methodist Women's Spring Meeting will be held April 25 at the First United Methodist Church in Paris. Reservations for lunch (\$8) are due April 19. Please check the bulletin board in the chapel hallway. Requests from CCH and LBDNH are pump hand soaps, \$20 or more gift certificates to Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree, McDonalds, shampoo, men and women's deodorant and petroleum jelly. Since it is close let's have good attendance.

Mark Your Calendars!

The UMW annual Mother| Daughter|Friend Banquet will be on Saturday, May 11th.

Register after church on April 21st & 28th and on May 5th. Cost: 5 yrs. & under are free; \$10 each for those over 5.

Invite your friends and family.

April Schedule:

April 5 & 6: Cunningham Quilt Show

April 11: UMW Board Meeting - 4:15PM

April 13: Sisters in Faith - cinnamon rolls

April 15: Susannah Wesley Circle - 6:30PM

- Hostesses: Alice Schroeder & Paula Ross

- Program: ? - Devotions: Alice Schroeder

April 18: Faith Circle - 9AM - Hostesses/ Program/Devotions: Searoba Mascher & Susie Carey

April 25: District Spring Meeting - Paris

FUMC

April 27: UMW Annual Yard Sale - 8AM

Homemade cinnamon rolls will be available for purchase on Sunday, April 14th after the Worship Service

\$8.00/pan

No pre-orders please.

Profits from the sale will be used for our mission projects.

Made with love by your SISTERS IN FAITH.



Annual UMW Yard Sale

Start cleaning out your closets, garages, etc. The UMW will be having its annual Spring Yard Sale on April 27 in the Fellowship Hall from 8AM until noon. Items may be brought in during the week of the sale starting on Wednesday, April 25 after 1PM. Place items on tables along the west wall in the Fellowship Hall.

Helpers are needed for Thursday (4/25), Friday (4/26) and Saturday morning (4/27). If you'd like to help, contact Jo Sanders.



MARSHALL UNITED METHODIST CO-OP LENTEN SCHEDULE

Services start at 6 p.m.

Date Sunday, April 7th Palm Sunday, April 14th

Host Church Armstrong UMC

Zion UMC

Preaching

Joe Irwin, Sr. Adam Penn

A time of fellowship will follow the services provided by the Host Church. The Lenten Offering will be divided between Summer Lunch, Inc. and the MMA Backpack Program.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday – April 18

Seder Meal at 6:00 p.m. — You and your family are invited to attend a "Seder Supper" on Thursday, March 18, at 6:00 p.m. This meal will deepen your understanding of the Gospel accounts of the last evening Jesus spent with his disciples before the crucifixion.

This Special meal will be prepared for you and will be shared by all who attend. We do need to have an accurate accounting of all who will be present.

Sign-up sheets will be available on March 31. The last day to sign up will be Tuesday, April 9, by 3:00 p.m. Questions will be answered by Tiffany Setzer and Sharon Welliver.

Good Friday – April 19

Carrying of the Cross at noon — Join us for a processional, Carrying of the Cross, beginning at the Clark County Courthouse on Archer Avenue, continuing to Michigan Avenue, then north on Route 1 to the Marshall Square Mall, with periodic Bible readings from the life of Jesus and wellknown hymns. This special walk with the cross will open your heart to the suffering of Jesus and his undying love for us. Transportation provided back to the courthouse after the processional.

> Easter Sunday – April 21 Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. — Free breakfast prepared by the United Methodist Men. Easter Worship Service - 9:00 a.m., followed by Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

April Sunday Volunteers

◆Liturgist - JENNIFER WELLIVER ◆Sound System - GLENN BUSKIRK

♦ Ushers - KAREN HEIGHTON, UMYF KIDS, JACK & LISA DAVIDSON (4/21)

◆Acolyte - TURNER GRAHAM

◆Greeters - 7th - LESA TRUDEAU & JAN RIDGWAY

14th - ? & ? 21st- ? & ?

28th - SEAROBA MASCHER & BEV SMITH

◆Nursery Duty - 7th - NANCY CLAYPOOL &?

14th - LESA TRUDEAU &?

21st-?&?

28th - JENNA MOREY &?

◆Children's Church - 7th - NONE

14th - PAULA ROSS

21st - JAMES SOUTHWORTH 28th - MALERIE MASON

◆Fellowship Hosts - 7th - 3MS

14th - NEW LIFE

21st - YOUNG ADULT 28th - CSI & AGAPE

Thank you so much for your services!!!



Like us on Facebook!

Take a moment and find us on Facebook at

Marshall First United Methodist Church, and tell all your friends
and family to "like" us.

Scrip Order Forms & Cards

Don't forget—if you need any gift cards, stop in the office during the week or see Rick or James on Sundays. We have some cards on hand for immediate purchase. Or, if we do not have what you want, James usually places an order each Monday morning, and he will order what you need. Order forms are located on the Welcome Center and in the office.



Don't forget to sign up to provide altar flowers on that special Sunday. Please call or stop in the office to make sure that your date is reserved on the new calendar.



April Mission of the Month—Summer Lunch Program

The Summer Lunch Program was designed to provide easy to prepare Breakfast and lunch food for kids from low income families. Last summer we served 81 children



breakfast, lunch, and snacks for 11 weeks. Each family received a gallon of milk, 1/2 gallon juice and some fresh fruit every week. That totaled 13,440 meals. All of our funding is through donations. The packing of food and deliveries are done with the help of about 15 volunteers each week.

Dear ladies (Funeral Dinner Committee),

First, I apologize for the lateness of this thank-you note. But I wanted to thank you for providing the delicious food for the funeral dinner after my mom, Ann Strohm's, funeral. Everyone enjoyed the various choices. Also, they thought everything tasted delicious.

Also, I enjoyed seeing several of you that I rarely see. I appreciate the help from Eleanor, Janice and a couple others ladies to find food choice to meet my dietary needs. Thank you.

Since the Marshall Methodist Church was my home church for several years, I appreciate the friendship and kindness shown to my family and me even though I am no longer a member.

May God continue to bless all of you.

Sincerely, Carole Chappell

Dear friends at FUMC,

Many thanks for your generous and kind gift to 222 Ministries. Because of your partnership we are encouraged to go "forward" with the gospel and Word of God to many. May our Lord richly bless you all. You are loved!

Because of Jesus, Jim & Jan (Harper)



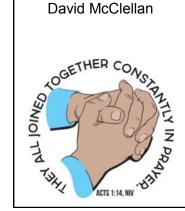
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Our Nursing E Assisted Living Facilities Residents:

Eldeana Lashbrook
Violet Cook
Bud Bloodworth
Marilyn Jensen
Mary Ellen Koutsoumpas
Vernice Tingley
Jim Gwyn
Evelyn Anderson
Buck Weaver
Jo Ann Donehue
Orpha Goekler
David McClellan



Prayer Concerns:

Kerry Teague Joe Macke Jim Gwyn Keith Schneider T. Ray Henry JoAnn Donehue Sharon Welliver Harold Dominick Taylor Mason Ron Edwards Alan Reed Sally Mallory

Sam Deahl

Chase Brady [Jim & Joyce Gwyn's great-grandson]
Brett Ramsey [Angie Setzer's nephew]
Peg Hintz [Tom Hintz' mother]
Amy Woodard Frazer [Larry Woodard's daughter]
Pat Witt [Friend of Sharon Welliver]
Mark Richards [Beth Macke's brother]
Julie Krietemeier [Beth Macke's sister]
Gabe Fairchild [son of Rev. Gary Fairchild]
Marilyn Zoetvelt [Friend of Bev Smith]
Debbie McCormick [Joyce Sutton's daughter]
Leanna Morris [Angie Setzer's sister]

Eric Hutson [Harley Bennet's grandson]
Journey Campton [Friend of Adam & Tiffany Setzer]
Chris Blair [Friend of Barb Manhart]

Susie Weir [Friend of Cris Fitzjarrald & Alane White]

The Family of Marlene Davidson Unspoken Requests

Natural Disaster Victims, Our Missionaries, Military Personnel, & Our Nation and Its Leaders

Please help keep the prayer list up-to-date! Names will be removed at the first of each month unless someone calls or writes the church office with an update.

Marshall UMM Co-Op Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 5 - 7 pm

The Marshall United Methodist Men Co-Op will be having a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, April 6, from 5 - 7 pm at Marshall First United Methodist Church. The menu will consist of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and drink—all this for a free-will donation. Meals will be served to you at your table. All money raised will go toward scholarships and mission projects. We hope that you will stop by, and enjoy the great food while supporting the UMM Co-Op.





"Every Man Shares in Evangelism, Mission, and Spiritual Life"

President: Josh Orman Vice President: Russ Ross Treasurer: Steve Setzer Secretary: Glenn Buskirk

We had great attendance at our March UMM breakfast meeting. Fifteen men gathered together for food and fellowship. Josh and Ethan Orman prepared the delicious food. Jeff McGuire led the devotions on Paul's letter to the Philippians concerning God's covenant with Abraham. He asked the question—"How is our journey with Christ?" Don't forget that we are all citizens of heaven.

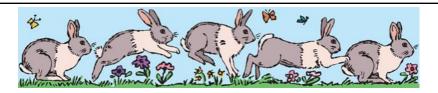
Discussed at the meeting:

- 1) The UMM Co-Op will be having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on April 6 here at FUMC. We will furnish the meatballs and salad. Don't forget to let all your friends know!
- 2) The Trustees will be doing a walk-thru at the parsonage. They are preparing a list of items that need done prior to the new pastor coming. Some of these projects will be ones that the UMM will help complete.
- 3) We will have a work day at the church on April 13 to get the new shelving up in the downstairs storage room.
- 4) We will be scheduling a work day as soon as weather permits to build a handicap ramp for the Gwyn's.
- 5) The Quarterback Club will be needing help in renovating the restrooms and concession stand at the high school football field.
- 6) New abortion bill is in the works and Pastor Lewis asked that everyone protest to our politicians against it.
- 7) Once again we will be preparing and serving the Easter morning breakfast here at the church after the Sunrise service.

Upcoming Events:

April 14: Marshall Co-Op UMM Breakfast at Zion, 7AM.

April 21: Easter Breakfast, 8AM. Cooks: All UMM



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Just for Laughs*

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil and Jeff Keane



"I like it when everyone in church sings about that Ollie Louya guy."







L.I.F.E. — A 55+ Seniors Ministry

There is some interest in starting a group to come play board or card games and do puzzles on Monday afternoons here at the church. If you are interested, please sign up at the Welcome Center.



April Day Trip

In April we will be heading to Arthur, IL to have lunch at Yoder's and take in the sights. We'll leave from the church at 10AM on Thursday, April 11. Our reservations for lunch will be for 11:30AM. Sign up for this fun day at the Welcome Center today!

Also Coming Up...

The senior citizens of our church have the opportunity to get theatre tickets for two great shows next summer at Little Theatre on the Square: Wednesday, June 5th - "The Night the Music Lived" and Friday, July 12th - "Oklahoma."

Group rate for the tickets is \$35.00 for each ticket. Sharon Miller has reserved 20 tickets for each show, but we can get more if needed. Since these shows will be very popular, we are planning ahead. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

And...Don't forget

- Coffee or More at The Family Restaurant 1st Tuesday of the month at 9AM.
- Holy Grounds Coffee all other Tuesdays of the month at 9AM in the chapel.
- Also, Exercise Classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:30AM, and Yoga on Mondays at 4PM and Fridays at 9AM.



Please join our Knitting Ministry Group if you like to knit or crochet or would like to learn. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month at 10:30AM in the church office.



All newsletter items should be e-mailed or written down and turned in to the office no later than

Monday, April 22, 2019 at 3PM.

Our email address is firstmethodist@hotmail.com.

Please do not phone in your information.

Thank you!!!!



NEWSLETTER NOTICE

If you are presently getting a paper copy of the newsletter, please don't forget to pick yours up after church on the last Sunday of the month. They will be labeled and in alphabetical order on the back table of the sanctuary.

If you have a neighbor or friend who isn't at church, feel free to pick his or hers up and deliver it. What a wonderful outreach opportunity!



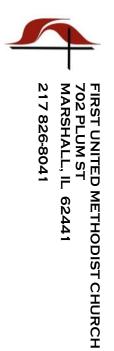
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